

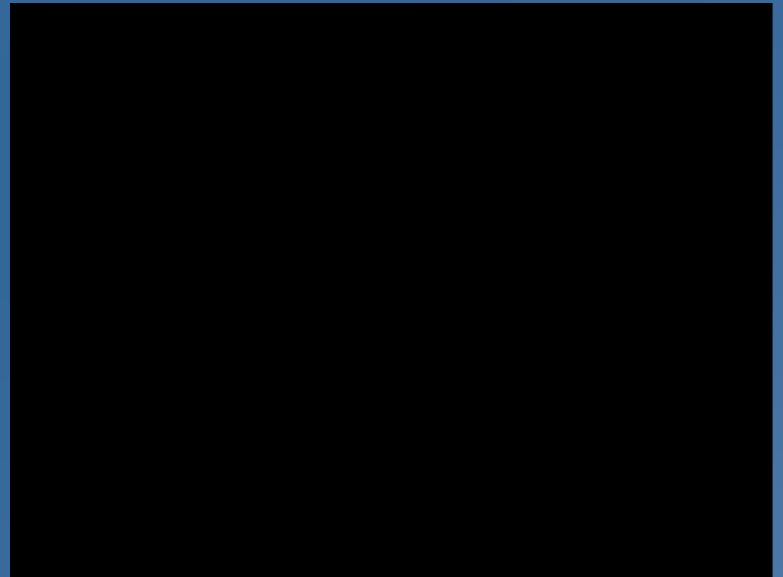
Sierra National Forest Motorized Travel Management

- Overview of Motorized Travel Management process
- Overview of Sierra National Forest Travel Management Decision
- Implementation of the Decision
- Next Steps

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Common Goal

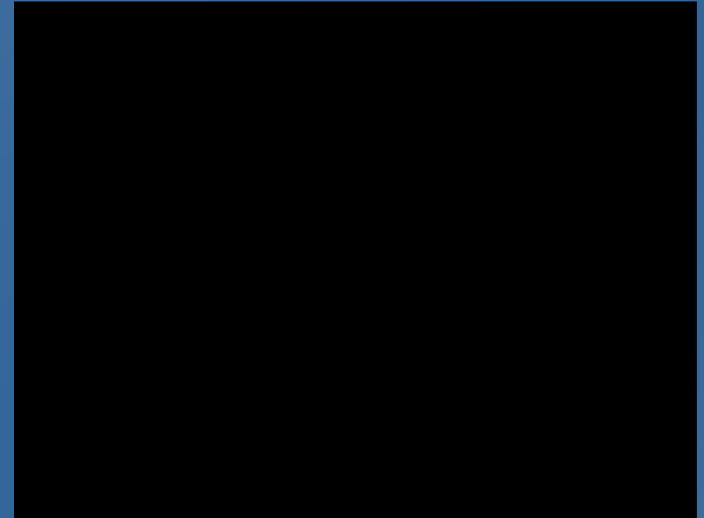
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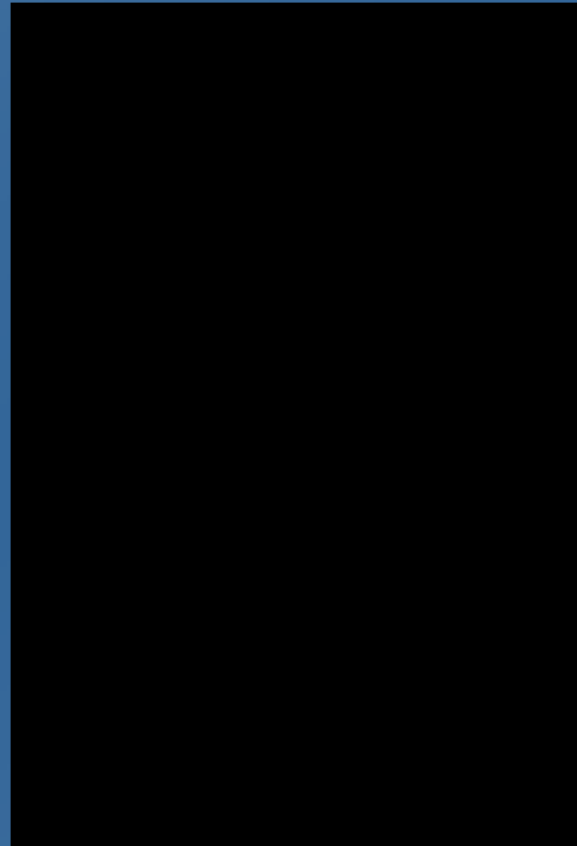


Motorized Travel Management Timeline

- 2005: Travel Management Rule published
- 2005-2006: Inventory of unauthorized routes
- 2007: Proposed Action and Notice of Intent (NOI)
- 2009: Draft Environmental Impact (DEIS)
- 2010: Final EIS and Record of Decision (ROD)



Public Scoping



2007

- 80 Days
- 500 people attended 7 public meetings and workshops
- 10,000 individuals provided comments.

Significant Public Issues

Maintaining Motorized Access

Impacts to Natural and Cultural Resources

Impacts to Non-Motorized Recreation Experience

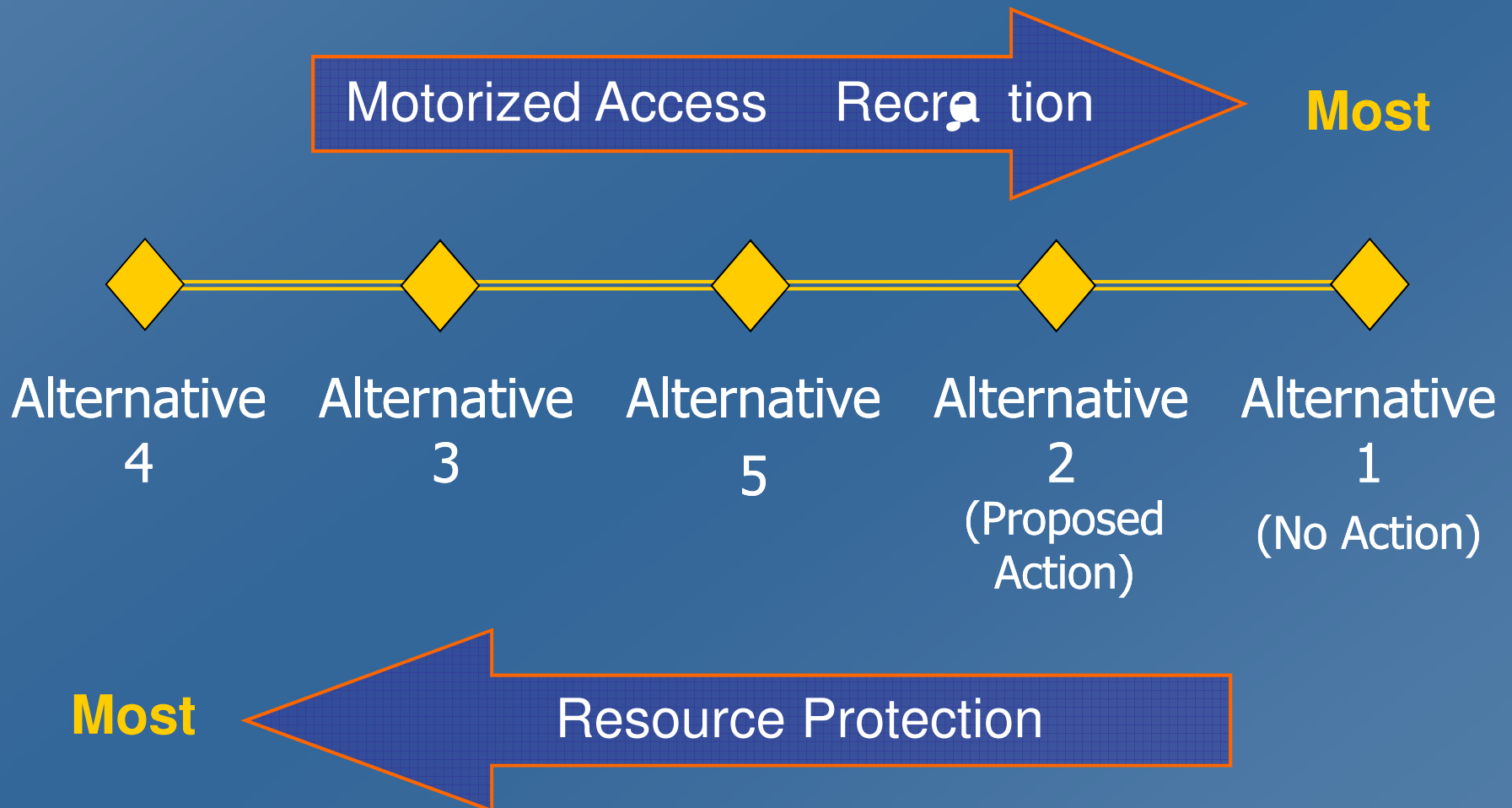
Motorized Use and Ownership Conflicts



Analysis Process

- Existing NFTS = 2,500 miles
- Unauthorized Routes (raw data) = 550 miles
- What was Analyzed:
 - Routes suggested during public scoping
 - 48 miles removed, 280 miles added
 - Routes that meet LRMP direction
 - Routes that did not need significant re-routes

Range of Alternatives



Public Comment on DEIS

2009

- 60 Days
- 300 people attended 7 public meetings and workshops
- 4,673 individuals provided comments



Travel Management

***Final Environmental Impact
Statement***

Sierra National Forest



FEIS Document Structure

- Chapter 1 – Purpose and Need
- Chapter 2 – Alternatives
- Chapter 3 - Affected Environment and Environmental Consequences
- Appendices

FEIS Appendices

Appendix A - Summary of Facility Specific Data: which includes data on season of use or routes and areas (Table A-1) and roads (Table A-2)

Appendix F – Acronyms and Glossary: provides definitions of language and abbreviations

Appendix M – Response to Comments: provides a direct response from the Forest Service to substantive comments from the public

Navigating the MAPS

Three Ways to View Maps

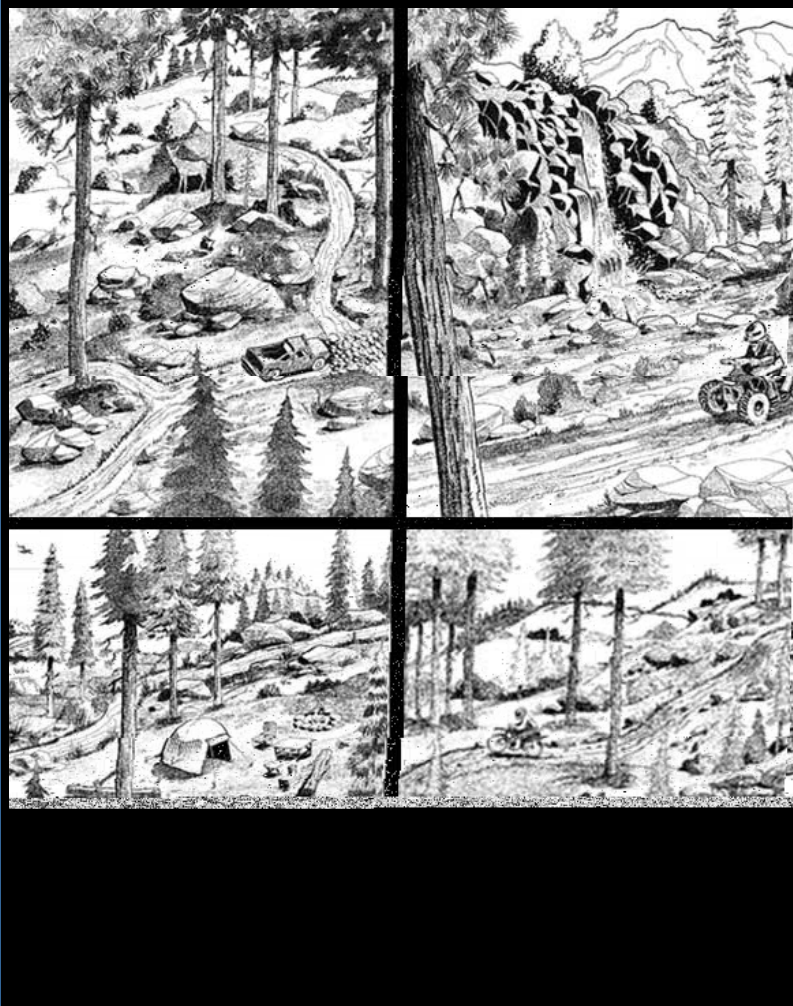
- Printed Set including ROD
- CD
- Sierra National Forest Web Page
 - Full forest (large file)
 - Analysis Unit (smaller file- web only)

Maps



SNF 2010 Record of Decision (ROD) Document Structure

Record of Decision



- Background
- Public Involvement
- Decision
- Appeal Opportunities
- Appendices
 - A- Routes and Areas Added to the NFTS
 - B-Resource analyses of Routes and Areas
 - C- Changes to the NFTS

Considerations for the Decision

- Public Comments
- Purpose and Need
- Significant Issues
- Effects of the Alternatives
- Effort to Balance Recreation Opportunity with Critical Resource Concerns

SNF 2010 Motorized Travel Management Decision

The decision provides a wide range of motorized recreational opportunities in a variety of areas within the SNF and results in public use of:

- 2,179 miles of roads (of 2,500 available)
- 127 miles of motorized trails
- 142 acres of parking and motorized areas.



SNF 2010 Motorized Travel Management Decision

Additions to the NFTS

15 miles of roads

67 miles of motorized trails

105 acres of parking and motorized areas

[Decision](#)



SNF 2010 Motorized Travel Management Decision

Addresses Motorized Cross Country Travel



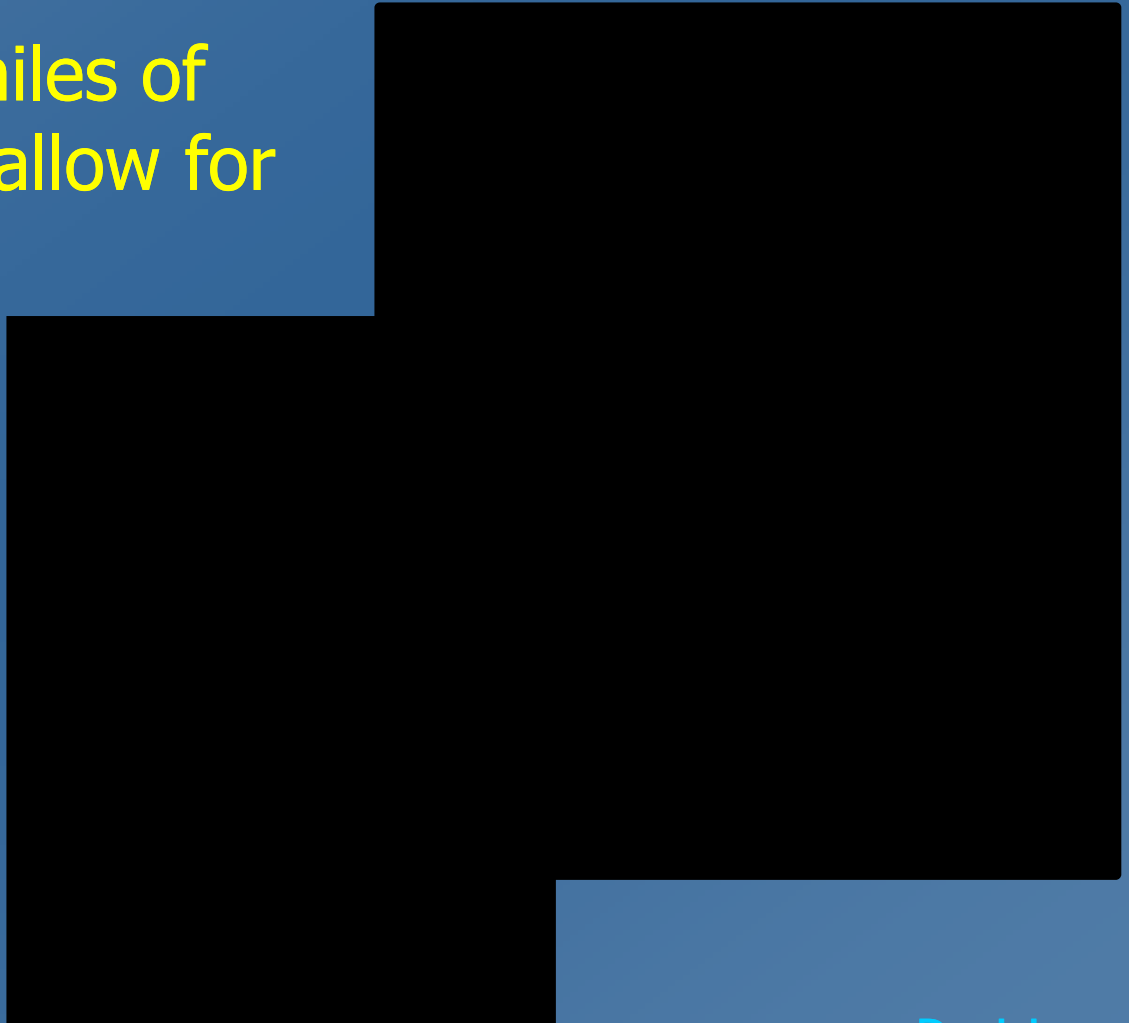
SNF 2010 Motorized Travel Management Decision



Applies design features
and mitigations for
resource protection

SNF 2010 Motorized Travel Management Decision

Changes 178 miles of
NFTS roads to allow for
Mixed Use



SNF 2010 Motorized Travel Management Decision

Changes to Maintenance Level (ML) on NFTS roads

Brings 181 miles of ML1 roads into compliance with FS policy by changing them to ML 2 roads open to all vehicles

Opens 65 miles of ML2 roads

Closes 278 miles of roads that do not contribute to motorized recreation opportunity or are causing damage to sensitive resources



ML2



ML1

SNF 2010 Motorized Travel Management Decision

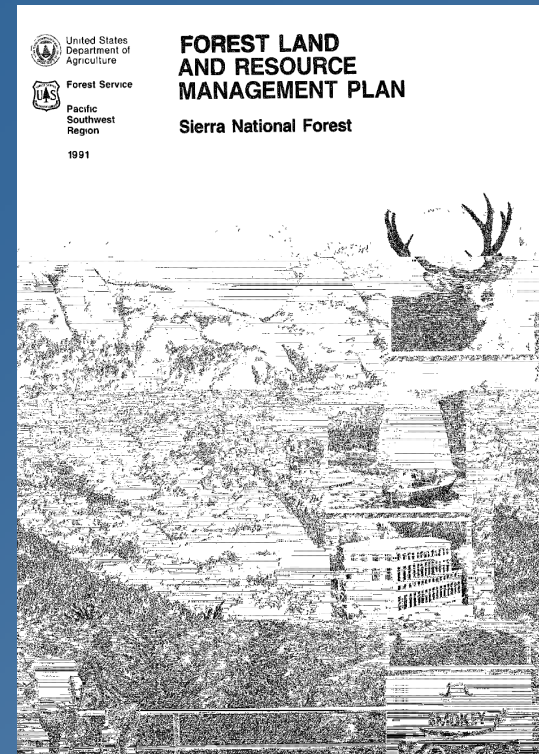
Establishes A Season of Use for the NFTS



SNF 2010 Motorized Travel Management Decision

Makes two non-significant Forest Plan (LRMP) Amendments

1. Amends LRMP Guideline # 17
2. Amends LRMP Guideline #22



Summary of Motorized Travel Management Decision

- Provides for a variety of motorized recreation opportunity
- Addresses Motorized Cross-Country Travel
- Protects natural and cultural resources
- Applies season of use
- Provides for mixed use
- Changes maintenance levels
- Makes two non-significant Forest Plan Amendments



Sierra NF Travel Management Decision Appeal Process

Those who commented during the DEIS comment period have appeal standing.

Appeal Deciding Officer is the Regional Forester

The 45-day appeal period began on May 10, ends June 23, 2010

If there are no appeals filed, implementation may occur after 15 days

Motor Vehicle Use Map

- Provides visitors with information on designated roads trails and areas for motorized use
- First MVUM is expected in early 2011
- New MVUM will be published annually
- Modifications to the NFTS will be incorporated

Decision Implementation

Phased Strategy

Phase I- Roads, trails and areas not requiring mitigation or where mitigation is completed, will be displayed on the first Motor Vehicle Use map (MVUM)

Phase II – Roads, trails and areas requiring more complex or costly mitigation will be displayed on future versions of the MVUM. Mixed use roads will be open on future MVUMs when mitigation such as signing is completed



Decision Implementation

Strategy

- Design and Build a sustainable system.
- Education – helping visitors understand the designated system via maps, personal contact, etc.
- Enforcement – transitional period to inform and educate.

Get Involved with Implementation

Volunteer-Join a Club or Organization

Continue to stay involved. Forest Service will work with groups interested in additions, modification, and management of NFTS motorized recreation opportunities.

Sierra NF Travel Management Web Page

www.fs.fed.us/r5/sierra/projects/ohv/index.shtml

Projects & Plans - Travel Management

Decision

The Sierra National Forest has released its Record of Decision and Final Environmental Impact Statement for Travel Management. In summary, the decision will close the Forest to cross country travel, add unauthorized routes and make changes to the existing Motorized National Forest Transportation System (roads, trails and areas).

Background

Quick Links

FINAL TRAVEL
MANAGEMENT
DOCUMENTS

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
STATEMENT (FEIS)

RECORD OF DECISION

SUMMARY OF DECISION

Information Contact

The Sierra National Forest website

www.fs.fed.us/r5/sierra/projects/ohv/index.shtml

To request additional information :

sierra.route@fs.fed.us

(include “**Information Request**” in the subject line to ensure a timely response).

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